

From: mattc
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 4:23pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am strongly opposed to the Microsoft settlement that is currently being considered. It calls into question why we should be proud to call ourselves Americans when the legal system can be bought and manipulated by one powerful company. This settlement forces me to unwillingly surrender my rights to a fair and arbitrary legal system. I am ashamed of it.

Specifically, I am opposed to the amount of control that Microsoft has in administering the terms of the agreement. Too many grey areas and judgement calls are left wide open as potential loopholes. They have been found guilty in a court of law, and shouldn't be their own guard. More importantly, I am opposed to the gag order of the 3 person oversight committee. Without a voice, there is no way that they can do their job effectively. Finally, I am opposed to the shortsightedness of this agreement. It does nothing to curb Microsoft's illegal use of its Monopoly on the desktop to corner other markets. Innovation is stifled, and Americans loose.

I respectfully urge you to throw out the proposed agreement, and see that true justice is done.

With respect,
Matthew J. Clark
Portland, OR